

February 15, 2005

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentations:  
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Jim Blundell (Western Wireless Corp.), Lee Selwyn (Economics & Technology) and I made separate *ex parte* presentations this week to the following members of the Joint Board on Universal Service:

Billy Jack Gregg;  
Bob Nelson;  
Elliot Smith;  
Ray Baum.

We discussed a myriad of issues within the context of the ongoing “rural basis of support” proceeding being deliberated by the Joint Board on Universal Service. The attached handout were the basis of the discussion.

If you have any questions, then please contact me at 202-654-5903.

Respectfully submitted,

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